

(b) and (c). The Government of Maharashtra had forwarded 42 schemes costing Rs. 17.70 crores under Central Road Fund against their balance accruals of Rs. 10.57 crores as per Old Resolution upto 31.3.1992. These schemes have since been approved subject to the condition that the balance cost as well as excess, if any, beyond Rs. 10.57 crores will be met by the State Government from their own plan resources.

[Translation]

Schemes for Development of National Highways in Gujarat and Haryana

1699. SHRI AVATAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Haryana and Gujarat have submitted any schemes for Eighth Five Year Plan period for the development of National Highways in those States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the requisite details is annexed. Since the 8th Plan is yet to be finalised and outlay for National Highways is not yet known, it is not possible to consider any proposal at this stage.

STATEMENT

GUJARAT

S.No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
1.	Improvement of road works. (1453 Kms)	640.39
2.	New National Highways (2124 Kms)	425.00
3.	Expressways (250 Kms)	874.00
4.	Byepasses (6 Nos.)	29.00
5.	Bridge works (520 Nos.)	266.57
6.	Miscellaneous.	277.13
Total : Rs.		2512.09

HARYANA

1.	Improvement of road works. (509.5 Kms)	256.67
2.	Byepasses (6 Nos.)	79.63

S.,No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
3.	Bridge works (2 Nos.0	4.50
4.	R.O.B's (4 Nos.)	18.25
5.	Mescellaneous.	15.45
Total : Rs.		374.50

[English]

Leasing Companies

1700. SHRI PRATAPRAO B.
BHONSLE:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow many finance and leasing companies to operate as private bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India have reported that there is no proposal as yet to allow finance and leasing companies to operate as banks.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Master Plan for Construction of National Highways

—1701. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE

TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Transport Policy Committee has recommended any master plan to include eight Inter-State highways connecting Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Nepal Border in National High way System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work on the road between Darbhanga and Farvishganj linking Bihar and Nepal has been shelved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by the Government to get the work completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details are given in the attached statement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The decision about declaration of new National Highways in various States including the road in question in Bihar would be taken only after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan keeping in view certain norms evolved for the purpose and availability of funds etc.